

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 24-66 are currently pending in the application. New Claims 24-66 have been added. Claims 11-16 are cancelled. Claims 17-23 are withdrawn. Amendments to Claims 2,6, 7, 8, and 9 have been made to correct typographical errors, and as such are not limiting amendments. Support for amendments and new Claims may be found in the originally filed specification. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to fix typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 16 has been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Baize (U.S. Pat. No. 6,317,838). Claims 11-16 have been cancelled, rendering their rejection moot, so this rejection is respectfully traversed as to remaining Claims 1-10.

Baize does not teach or suggest “a second data store associated with said portable storage device and configured to store passwords represented in said key-password pairs,” as recited by Claim 1. Instead, Baize teaches a second data store associated with a portable device that stores a secret number, which is combined with time values to generate one-time passwords on the fly (col. 7 line 63 – col. 8 line 4).

Baize also does not teach or suggest “communicat[ing] a key associated with one of said key-password pairs to said second component,” as Claim 1 recites. Baize does not need to transmit a key to the second component because the second component generates one-time passwords independently, based only upon a single stored secret number and a timer.

Further, Baize does not teach or suggest “said second component being configured to access said second data store and retrieve at least one password represented in said key-password pair,” as Claim 1 recites. Baize does not use key-password pairs, and thus does not retrieve any such password.

Claims 2-10 ultimately depend from base Claim 1, which Applicants believe to be allowable. Applicants thus respectfully submit that Claims 2-10 are also in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that new Claims 24-66 also patentably distinguish over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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